

RESOLUTION NO. A- _____

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA**

WHEREAS, a strong University of Nebraska-Lincoln is essential to attracting and retaining a skilled and educated workforce, which is needed for the future prosperity of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is one of the largest employers in the City of Lincoln with more than 2,500 staff and faculty, most of whom are taxpayers and property owners in our community; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has an annual payroll of \$187 million in the Lincoln area; and is a significant part of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is a key player in keeping young people in Nebraska to become tomorrow's leaders; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln provides important assistance to businesses and government through technology transfer, student internships, and faculty expertise; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are committed to a continuing partnership with the business community to maximize the opportunities for economic development in Lincoln and throughout the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as the State's only major research university, develops new knowledge and innovative applications of technologies that help ensure Nebraska's competitiveness in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, of the proposed \$41 million budget reduction for the University of Nebraska, the Lincoln campus will incur its proportional share which will mean \$21 million on top of the \$16 million already cut last year, resulting in severe cuts to academic programs and services, as well as loss of employment for faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska has been subjected to repeated substantial budget reductions and the magnitude of these budget reductions will reverse the strides

the University of Nebraska has made and recovery from them will take many years, perhaps decades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln City Council calls upon the Governor and the Legislature to place a high priority on maintaining adequate funding for the University of Nebraska and asks the Governor and Legislature to lessen the budget reductions identified for the University of Nebraska and fund the University to the highest possible level to sustain the research, education and economic contributions of the University of Nebraska to the citizens of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska.

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